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Memorandum for the Deputy Director, Intelligence

Subject: Admiral Radford's testimony before the Symington Committee, 21 June 1956.

1. The portion of Admiral Radford's statement on intelligence which includes a security deletion is as follows:

".....In other words, we know what we have and we know what our allies have.

(Security deletion) The figures on the Communist side are estimates, and our intelligence is actually very poor on the Communist side. I have no way of estimating the accuracy of those figures, but in my own mind they may very substantially. (End deletion)

"I would say there is good reason to believe that we normally overestimate the Communist capabilities, and in almost every respect."

2. The only Senators present when this statement was made were Saltonstall and Duff. Jackson was not present at all, and Symington was out of the room when Radford made the statement.

3. Radford's statement was not directly challenged at his own hearing or in any subsequent hearings, as far as I can determine. Two possible sources of the report of Senator Jackson's "challenge" are:

- (a.) his criticism of the statements made by the DCI on television (see attached).
- (b.) his criticism of certain statements made by Secretary Wilson in 1953 and 1954, which Jackson alleged ignored intelligence on Soviet heavy bomber development (not yet available in printed form).

It is also possible that Jackson challenged Radford's statement in a speech or press conference, but I have seen no evidence of this.

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